ling the charter of the Ramapo Water Company.

FIRST MAZET GUN IS DISCHARGED AT RAMAPO, WHILE HILL PRESSES THE JOURNAL'S FIGHT.

₹ HE Mazet Committee yesterday began its investigation of the attempted \$200,000,000 steal by the Ramapo Water Company, and in his opening address Counsel Frank Moss promised to show that it was nothing more than a big stock jobbing scheme, in which the city was to be used as the dupe.

Mr. Moss intimated that if the Mayor refuses to remove the members of the Board of Public Improvements who soted for the Ramapo contract Governor Roosevelt will be appealed to to remove the Mayor,

Water Commissioner William Dalton was the principal witness of the day. For four hours he was plied with questions by Counsel Moss, many of which he evaded answering, until at last Mr. Mazet, out of patience, cautioned him. The witness attempted to shift his responsibility for the indorsement of the Ramapo contract upon the shoulders of City Engineer Birdsall, but was confronted by the latter, and his accusations were denied.

Mr. Croker will be called to the witness stand to-day.

Improvements who voted for the Ramapo contract are not removed by FRANK MOSS PRAISES Mayor Van Wyck an appeal will be made to Governor Roosevelt to remove the

This statement was plainly made by Frank Moss yesterday in his opening speech to the Mazet Committee. His words

"These officials appear to have been gully of gross negligence and incompetency. They were guilty of abetting this (Ramapo) scheme whatever its purpose was. Among these men were notably the the New York Journal." ton) and the president of the Board of Public Improvements (Maurice F. Holahan),



ing these gentlemen. The responsibility is on him AND IF HE DOES NOT ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY AN OFFICER HIGHER THAN THE MAYOR WILL BE APPEALED TO."
This statement was by far the most important revelation of the day.

Mazet Sifts the Ramapo Grab.

The committee resumed its sessions in Part IX, of the Supreme Court. Elaborate preparations had been made to sift the Ramspo job to the bottom. Every member of the committee was present save Boland Dem.), of Erle, and the court room was yell filled.

at witnesses. Edward Lauterbach and early with a yellow bag full of He said he had consulted with the

away.

3. Dutcher, president of the Rampany, came softly in, his long, thiskers waving a defiance to the ee and a blessing to his friends, and face wore a smile that never PUSHERS, AS DAVENPORT SAW HIM.



ARTIST DAVENPORT FINDS LAWYER BOARDMAN, OF PLATT'S FIRM, DEEPLY INTERESTED.

Did Not Bring Mr. Gleason.

Mr. Baker dld not bring Gleason, and Glesson says that influences are at work to prevent him from testifying. Mr. Moss has added William M. Bruce to

his staff of legal assistants. Mr. Bruce to his staff of legal assistants. Mr. Bruce has made a special study of the water question. The proceedings opened by a few speeches of regret at the death of Sergeant-at-Arms Crawford. Then the Ramapo matter was taken up.

Assemblyman Hoffman, the Tammany member of the committee, said:

THE JOURNAL'S WORK.

N O less does it give me pleasure to give credit to the newspapers * * which have moved so effectually in this great public matter. -Extract from the opening speech of Counsel Frank Moss. In commending the press said Mr.

Moss later: "I had special reference to

"There are the gravest reasons why the pany could not carry out its contract, and

Water Commissioner William Dalton was called to the witness chair. For nearly four hours he submitted to a fire of quesions and got badly scorched. He is a short, ***** chubby man, with a round face, a light WATER COMMISSIONER DALTON WAS
"NOT CERTAIN" WHEN DAVEN.
PORT DREW THIS.

Muyor should remove them from their positions. The largeness of hie matter imposes on the Mayor the necessity of removing these gentlemen. The responsibility in the Board of Public Improve-



He said again and again that he would vote for the contract if he ever got the chance unless Mr.

Moss or Comptroller Coler showed him a better method of suppying the city with water.

ceeding questions, and once Chairman Ma-



Mr. Dalton got back to his original posi-tive to saying that Mr. Birdsali furnished the engineering advice that enabled him to pass upon the contract. He said he had gone over the water shed of the company in a wagon. Mr. Birdsall was with him. Mr. Hahikon's engineer and Mr. Jenks, the company's engineer, went along. This was all the engineering advice we had on that trip.



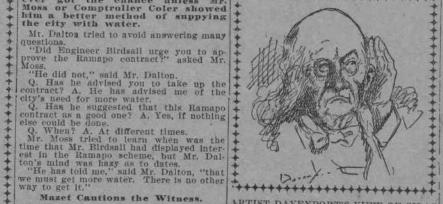
"Don't try to mislead us," he cried. "The report by that engineer was on the Ramapo River, which the Ramapo company has nothing whatever to do with."

'Mr. Dalton said that the Ramapo scheme was first broached by Mr. Holahan in 1898, at a meeting of the Board of Public Improvements. Mr. Moss kept hammering away at the witness to show that he had neglected his duty in transferring any of the responsibility of his department to Mr. Holahan and Mr. Birdsail.

'You are the head of your department," he said, 'and you alone are responsible."

Asked about his report that 'private capital was ready to go ahead with the work," the witness wriggled out by saying that the company was ready to give a bond of \$100,000 to guarantee that work are successful to go about the successful the successful that the company and the successful that the company has any most appear that the

Calls it Cheap at Any Price.



With this the life of the Ramapo grabbing concern is placed in the hands of Mr. Davies. The future of the company and the welfare of the city of New York in this regard rest with him. Mr. Hill presents strong arguments for the formal forfeiture of the Ramapo charter. Among other things he holds that the company, "to escape taxation, has committed suicide."

ORMER SENATOR DAVID B. HILL submitted to Attorney-General Da-

vies, at Albany, yesterday his brief on the application of William R.



A LBANY, Sept. 12.—David B. Hill's brief though evidently cunningly intended to deceive the Attorney-General and convey a wrong impression.

"Besides the utter worthlessness or uncommence an action to obtain a judgment importance of such alleged contracts' is at the company was ready to give of \$100,000 to guarantee that work be completed in 1902.

I about the great cost of the procentract, the witness said sullenly:

"I think the furnishing of water to the William R. Hearst and the Journal, and with Einstein & Townsend, attorneys for

A Breach of Trust. As to the law applicable, Mr. Hill says:

"That you think you would be doing your duty to the city by accepting this contract with a bond of \$100,000."

"Yes. I do."

Q. Do you realize that it would take the attempts to plunder the treasury of New York City.

A. Yes, I do.

"York City.

With the filing of this brief the matter lies in the discretion of Attorney-General Tor which it was instituted, it is guing of a breach of trust, and is liable to have its franchises forfeited at the suit of the state.

State.

"It can successfully resist an application for its dissolution now, what prevents it making the same plea five years hence without having the same plea five years hence of assets, lands, waters, reservoirs, dams, the transaction of business.

NEW BUILDING CODE SHOT HER LAND ON JOURNAL'S PLAN

Hearst for the commencement of an action to obtain a judgment annul-Appointed After This Newspaper's Agitation Is Approved by the Aldermen,

> Republican Minority Makes a Threatened with Eviction, Fin-Bitter Fight Against the gerhuph Had Given His Wife at Every Point.

> Alderman McCall Declares That Quarrel with a Landscape Gartained Democrats.

The report of the Bullding Code Com-mission, which was appointed after the the citadel of their home against their land-journal had ceaselessly agitated the mat-ter by showing the urgent necessity of dore Fingerhaph gave her a pistol and told overhauling the existent building laws and her to shoot the first man who tried to making "jerry" building impossible in New York, was adopted yesterday by the Board of Aldermen by a vote of 37 to 12.

She obeyed him to the letter. Beleaguered by a strong force she killed the

from the moment the code was called up was one of wild confusion. Alderman Muh presided, and when the Tammany leader, Mr. McCail, called for immediate consideration of the report he put the resolution to a viva voce vote. Instanty every Republican in the chamber was on his feet with objections. The decision of the chairman was appeared from, but there were enough Democratic votes in the house to sustain him.

The opposition then began to fight the adoption of the code Inch by inch, but they were routed at every point.

Alderman McCail declared that the Republicans wanted to go to Albany to get a code.

"If God Almarka, had a service in the landscape gardeners," in was the landscape gardeners, wife."

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**This is a most famous decision," cried Alderman Sherman, in explaining his vote against sustaining Chairman Muh. "It is evident that it is rendered under orders. It's a job and a fraud, and I vote against (Photograph Copyrigh t by Vander Wyde.)

He is pushing the Journal's attack on the charter of the grabbing water many at Albany.

**This is a most famous decision," cried Alderman Muh. "It is evident that it is rendered under orders. It's a job and a fraud, and I vote against the chairman with delight. I think it's an ontrage, a personal indecency."

Objected to Commissioner's Power.

Alderman Woodward moved that section of it."

His Regaty Venture.

HUCKLEBERRY ROAD WINS.

Report to the Council Against Its Charter is Sent Back to Committee.

Report of the Commission, Jeweller Roehricht Killed After His Men Had Broken Into a House Defended by a Lone Woman.

Measure, but Is Voted Down a Pistol to Use on Invaders, and Left.

the Opposition Would Object | dener Brought Rich New to Any Board Which Con- Yorker's Real Estate Speculation to a Tragic End.

All the Republicans in the Board voted owner of the property, Peter Rochricht, against the code with many bitter words. Jeweller, of No. 2155 Seventh avenue, this The negative votes were cast by Aldermen Goodman, James, McInnes, Oatman, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, Woodward, Diemer, Burleigh, Ackerman and Wafer.

Republicans Fight in Vain.

The scene in the Midomostic Plainfield, N. J., for which Mrs. Rochlicht had predicted an unlucky end.

She was in the jewelry store last night, with the Midomostic Plainfield.

The scene in the Aldermanic chamber from the moment the code was called up unpleasant business of evicting a discharged

Rochricht was a man of high standing is

And Harry Davenport, brothers, and Edgar L. D. Seymour and Harold Tiers, cousing the Large McDowell, she leaves \$3,000 and all her moury in the Manhattan Savings Bank, Her country house at Canton, Par, is left to her sisters, May D. Seymour and Florence C. Tiers.

To her husband. W. Melbourne McDowell, she leaves her library, manuscripting plays and the residue of the estate.

BALTIMORE'S CAPTAIN

FETED IN BALTIMORE.

The City Gives Him a Sword and Enterplays and the residue and Reception.

Baltimore, Sept. 12—Captain N. Mayo Dyer, who commanded the ruiser Baltimore at the batter of Manila Bay, arrived here yeaterday afternoon, and the city has feted him ever since. He beld an informal reception upon his arrival, and attended a theatre pairty lare right. He was taken in charge or special committee this moming. At 1.30 he was escorted to the service and himself can rock and line and the deed at heatre pairty lare right. He was taken in charge or special committee this moming. At 1.30 he was escorted to the service and himself can rock and line and her own. She took a steady alm at him and fired. The builted the residence of the second of the country of the c

It Is Expected That at Least Five Hundred Will Be in Attendance at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—To-morrow morning at 16 clock the conference called by the Civic Federation, of Chicago, to discuss the question of trusts.